

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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) Group Art Unit: **2421**
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 For: **ENCODING METHOD, ENCODING APPARATUS, DECODING**)
 METHOD, DECODING APPARATUS AND PROGRAMS THEREOF)
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08. Copies of the listed documents were submitted along with the application papers on March 8, 2006. Copies of the English-language translations of the listed documents are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the document listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English-language:

1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2004-134896.
2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2004-64725.

3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 8-116448.
4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 6-237448.

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Respectfully submitted,

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